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Applications Sought for University of Minnesota Board of Regents

By Bob Vanasek, Sandy Keene on Tuesday, August 22, 2006

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) is currently accepting applications for four positions on the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. The 24-member RCAC was created in 1988 by the Legislature and is responsible for recruiting, screening and recommending Regent candidates to the Governor. From the pool of applicants, the Council will invite selected candidates for public interviews in early January, 2007, and then will submit to the Governor the names of two to four candidates for each open Regent position. The Governor will then submit a slate of four nominees to a 20-member joint House and Senate committee. Once the Joint Committee approves the slate, the recommendations will be presented to a Joint Convention of the Legislature. The Joint Convention will elect regents to fill vacancies.

Regents are unpaid volunteers. They serve six-year, staggered terms. Four of the twelve Regent seats are open for election every two years. The four seats open in 2007 include one for residents of Minnesota's fifth congressional district, two at-large, and one student at-large. Current Regents in those positions are Peter Bell, Frank Berman, Cynthia Leshner, and Lakeesha Ransom. All four incumbents are eligible for reelection.

According to RCAC Chair Bob Vanasek, ideal candidates will have a deep interest in higher education and an understanding of the role of the University of Minnesota as a major land grant and research institution. They will have experience in governing large complex institutions, a strong sense of fairness, and good listening skills. Being a Regent is a time-consuming assignment; current Regents estimate that, on average, they spend about 40 hours per month in Regent tasks. Individual answers vary depending on personal work style and on the number of optional tasks undertaken.

Application materials are available on the council's Web site at: www.rcac.leg.mn. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may request an application packet by contacting Sandy Keene, at 651-296-9002.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 8, 2006

Applications must be received in our office by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8th.

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